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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : M. H. Chen, et al.
Serial No. : 10/561,571 ✓ Case 21406YP Art Unit: 1624
File: December 21, 2005 Examiner: V. Balasubramanian
For: Ophthalmic Compositions for Treating Ocular Hypertension
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated January 5, 2009 setting forth shortened statutory period for response ending April 5, 2009. Reconsideration of Applicant's claims is requested.

Any additional fees required in connection with this response may be taken from Merck Deposit account no. 13-2755. Please amend the application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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By *Christine M. Lee* Date *January 28, 2009*